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UK flooding and a changing climate

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Flooding incidents like those affecting Southeast England this morning could become more frequent in the future according to experts at The Met. Office's Hadley Centre for Climate Research.

Current research suggests that Britain will see wetter winters and in northern areas slightly wetter summers as well. More importantly the frequency of intense heavy rainfall events will increase and it is these events that often lead to flooding.

Alan Thorpe, Director of Climate Research at The Met. Office said: "Our work to look at the effects of climate change continues to unearth new information. The number of days of very heavy rain could increase substantially so the risk of flooding is likely to increase."

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